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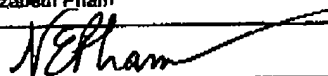
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: Atty's Docket: SC-00-08**AMENDMENT**Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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In response to the Office Action dated 12/02/2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment has been requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this paper has been authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 07-2320.

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